

These rates average \$49 before competition. During competition they drop to \$23. After squelching competing companies the old rate of \$49 holds today. The cities and rates are:

CITY	before Bell rate competition began	while Bell rate competition was on	when Bell rate competition ended
Richmond, Va.....	\$72	\$12	\$72
York, Pa.....	72	15	48
San Jose, Cal.....	60	30	60
Dubuque, Iowa.....	48	24	48
Winona, Minn.....	48	12	48
Savannah, Ga.....	36	18	36
Mobile, Ala.....	64	18	48
Lynchburg, Va.....	65	12	48
Roanoke, Va.....	30	30	48
Norfolk, Va.....	40	40	60
Oswego, N. Y.....	45	30	36
Kenosha, Wis.....	30	30	42
Iowa City, Iowa.....	42	24	36
Tampa, Fla.....	30	30	42
Average	\$49	\$23	\$49

"Because the Bell monopoly plays a hold-up game and demands merciless and greedy rates from subscribers it is today backed to the wall and fought in every part of the country," said Johnson.

"The Bell interests are politically stronger than is good for the people. The only reason they can go along from year to year and make the nickel-a-call subscribers pay the profits while the big users, such as the Daily News and the State street department stores with their private exchange branches get service for less than a penny-a-call, is their pull with the newspapers and their control in politics.

"Our league is out to break this control. All telephone users who don't want the same kind of a rate raise in Chicago which the Bell

monopoly has put over in other cities should get into this Penny Phone League."

The present organization of the league is temporary. Permanent officers and the adoption of a constitution and by-laws are on the program for a meeting April 1, 8 p. m., 65 W. Monroe street.

SO OBEDIENT

Stealthily Light-Fingered Sam slipped up behind the strolling pedestrian.

"My doctor said I needed a little change, didn't he?" he murmured to himself.

And then he took it.

AIN'T NONE

"I'm always getting into hot water at my house."

"You couldn't say that if you lived in ours."

WHY SHE ENJOYED IT



He—You seem to enjoy being with Mr. Smith immensely.

She—Yes, indeed! He is such a good listener.